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AFDROUGHT ROME FOR OSRO PARIS FOR HELMAN

FOL REPEAT NIAMEY 2756 SENT ACTION SECSTATE OUAGADOUGOU

JULY 15, 1975

QUOTE

UNCLAS NIAMEY 2756

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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: GON REQUEST FOR CROP DUSTING

REF: A. ROME 9687; B. NIAMEY 2721

1. HAVE RECEIVED URGENT REQUEST FROM GON FOR COST SUPPORT ONE FIXED WING CROP DUSTER, INCLUDING PILOT, MAINTENANCE, POL AND TRANSPORT. ESTIMATE COST DOLS 350,000 FOR 105 DAYS OF OPERATION. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR REQUEST, BUT HAS YET TO MAKE DECISION. THIS IS NOT CASE OF DUPLICATION, BUT EFFORTS OF GON TO HAVE US AND FRENCH INDIVIDUALLY FINANCE OPERATIONAL COSTS OF ONE COMPLETE UNIT EACH.

2. FAO REP IN FRIDAY MEETING WITH RDO AND A/ADO STATED THAT HE BELIEVES GON REQUEST VALID. NAO REP FURTHER STATED THAT

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ALTHOUGH CONTENTS REF A ACCURATE, THE WORDING "UNDER

CONTROL" POSSIBLY MISLEADING. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS FAO REP HAS BEEN BARELY ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH ISOLATED INFESTATION OUTBREAKS AS THEY OCCUR. ON THURSDAY FAO REP WAS ABLE TO SEND MOBILE SPRAY TEAMS TO BOTH SAY AND GAYA AREAS ON SHORT NOTICE, THUS JUST KEEPING EVEN WITH SITUATION.

3. WITH THE BRUNT OF INSECT INFESTATION EXPECTED DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, PROGNOSIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ALL THAT GOOD AND FAO REP HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT EXISTING CAPABILITIES TO KEEP SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

4. WE EXPECT TO BE IN POSITION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BY END OF JULY, ONCE WE HAVE SITREPS FROM FIELD TEAMS (REFTTEL B).

5. IN THE EVENT WE RECEIVE INFORMATION OF INCREASED INFESTATION WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, PRIOR TO FIELD TEAM REPORTS, OR IF FIELD TEAMS VERIFY NEEDS PER GON REQUEST, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY USING EITHER REMAINING FY 74 R/R FUNDS OF FY 76 R/R FUNDS.

6. FOR AD/W: FOR MAXIMUM CONTINGENCY FLEXIBILITY, REQUEST AUTHORITY ASAP TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SAID ACTIVITY, PROVIDING OF COURSE THAT CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF FACTS INDICATES URGENT NEED.

7. FOR OUAGA: UNDERSTAND US FIXED WING CAPABILITY PRESENTLY IN COUNTRY. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY/ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, BRIEF EVALUATION OF WORK PERFORMED TO DATE.HECK

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